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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Donald Thomas "D.T." Richardson, Sr. of Benton, who passed away on November 12, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Richardson was born in Anaheim, California on July 21, 1963 to Walter Tom and Sara Sue (nee Bassett) Richardson; he married Christine Marie Tasky on May 21, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Richardson began his career in law enforcement with the Energy Police Department; he later became Chief of Police in Crainville; he then worked for the Christopher Police Department and as a Deputy with the Franklin County Sheriff's Department where he was employed for 24 years; after retiring from the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, he became Chief of Police at Sesser; he was then appointed interim Fire Chief with the City of Benton Fire Department; he then worked as a police officer with the City of Benton, where he was most recently employed; in 2001, he served as an International Police Officer with the United Nations Defense in Kosovo; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Richardson enjoyed fishing, spending time with his friends, and his law enforcement and firefighter

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1 families; he also loved his pugs; and

2 WHEREAS, Donald Richardson was preceded in death by his
3 father; his foster parent, Jerry Gass; his brother-in-law,
4 Bruce Tasky; and his paternal and maternal grandparents; and

5 WHEREAS, Donald Richardson is survived by his wife,
6 Christine; his mother, Sara Vancil; his son, Donald Thomas
7 "Tommy" Richardson, Jr.; his 2 grandchildren; his stepson, John
8 Bryan Tasky and wife, Heather; his father-in-law and
9 mother-in-law, Bill and Nancy Tasky; his brother, Robert Eugene
10 Richardson and wife, Lisa; his sister-in-law and
11 brother-in-law, Kim and Mike Mandrell; his brother-in-law,
12 William David Tasky; his special friends, Dave and Shelley
13 Webb; his aunt, Laura; several nieces and nephews; and his law
14 enforcement and firefighter family; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Donald Thomas "D.T." Richardson, Sr., and extend our sincere
18 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
19 him; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Donald Richardson as an expression
22 of our deepest sympathy.